

Application Serial No.10/531,759
Reply to Office Action of April 1, 2008

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REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated April 1, 2008, the Examiner states that Claims 34-43 and 46-85 are pending, Claims 59-85 are withdrawn, Claims 34-43, 46-50 and 53-58 are rejected and Claims 51 and 52 are objected to. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

1. Rejection of Claims 34, 37-38, 43, 50 and 58 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 34, 37, 38, 50 and 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, because the Office Action considers that these claims are indefinite and/or ambiguous. Applicant has amended these claims in accordance with the remarks in the Office Action. As such, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

2. Rejection of Claims 34-43, 46-50 and 53-58 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 34-43, 46-50 and 53-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Tsuji et al. (JP 63-318503) and Sultan et al. (US 5,195,162) for the reasons of record.

The instant Office Action indicated that Claims 51-52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, Applicant has cancelled Claims 51-52 and added the subject matter thereof to independent Claim 34. Claims 41, 49, 50 and 53 have also been cancelled. Such amendments were made solely in the interest of advancing prosecution and without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Furthermore, the feature of "a light transfer component for use in a daylight collection and transfer system" has been added to independent Claim 34, to differentiate it even further from the prior art. Support for this feature can be found in the "Field of the Invention" section of the instant specification.

Since Claims 51-52 have been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims, Applicant respectfully asserts that

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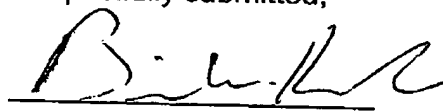
the present application is in condition for allowance. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 34-43, 46-50 and 53-58 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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